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CHECK IN: easyJet's Ian Chaplain books in the Masters family at Southend Airport, which has been voted the best customer service in Europe. Picture by Mark Cleveland

Passenger poll rates Southend Airport the best in Europe AIRPORT SOARS WITH CUSTOMER SERVICES

By Paul Giles

SOUTHEND Airport has been rated the best by in Europe by easyJet's passengers.

More than 26,000 passengers were asked for their opinion when travelling through the region's newest airport, which resulted in a satisfaction score of 92 per cent.

This beat scores from more than 100 airports across Europe, including other airports in the region such as Luton, Gatwick and Stansted.

The Customer Satisfaction Survey was held across all European airports, with travellers asked to rate services.

These included the check-in process, aircraft, punctuality, boarding procedures, overall satisfaction with the airport and friendliness of easyJet crew.

The research showed that 95 per cent were satisfied with London Southend Airport, 98 per cent were satisfied with the length of time at check in and 100 per cent of passen-

gers were satisfied with the efficiency of check-in staff.

The punctuality of easyJet's flights from London Southend also featured highly, along with the warmth and friendliness of the Southend-based crew.

Hugh Aitken, easyJet's UK commercial manager, said the flight company was thrilled passengers were so happy with the service at Southend.

He said: "It's testament to the hard work of everyone involved in the operation there and we are confident

that we'll keep levels of customer satisfaction flying high."

Southend Airport managing director Alastair Welch said the airport works hard to ensure it delivers on its commitments to passengers.

Mr Welch said: "We hope that even more passengers will choose to come and experience London's newest airport."

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WIN! A creative goody bag and show tickets

VISIT the Creative Crafts Show at Five Lakes Crowne Plaze Resort near Tiptree this February and indulge your passion for everything crafty.

The event, which runs from 9am to 5pm, from Thursday to Saturday, February 14 to 16, will give you the chance to discover a range of exciting new ideas, whether you are an experienced crafter, beginner or simply looking for a new hobby.

The event is supported by Future publications (Simply Knitting, CrossStitcher and Papercraft Inspirations) and all advance ticket holders get the chance to subscribe for three issues for £1.

New features this year include Fantasia Textiles with Design2Stitch's textile artist Norah Stocker, and Ali-Craft Workshops where you can learn how to use

inks, masks and stamps.

Have a go at Silk Painting, find out how to knit wrist warmers and crochet flowers with Knitshop, and discover more about beading and jewellery with FindingBeads4u and Bead Spider.

Visit the free Stitch and Knit area with neiltheknit.co.uk and make sure you book an hour long sessions in the Make & Take area as soon as you get there as spaces are limited. On Friday and Saturday there will also be a Polymer Clay workshop with designer Birdy Heywood where you can model a teddy bear or make a heart pendant.

Book tickets in advance for just £6.45 for adults and £5.45 for concessions - when using offer code PR1 before February 7 - and receive a half price catalogue voucher, a catering discount and entry into a prize draw to win a share of £300 worth of craft vouchers (Redeemable at the show only). Children under 16 get in for free and groups can buy six tickets and get one free.

For tickets to the event, which offers free parking



and a free shuttle service from Witham train station, visit www.sccshows.co.uk or call 01822 617744.

To win one of two first prizes including a craft goody bag worth more than £50 and a pair of tickets, or one of 23 runner-up prizes of pairs of tickets just answer the following question.

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Dr Feelgood's Wilko has terminal cancer

DR FEELGOOD star Wilko Johnson has been diagnosed with terminal cancer of the pancreas, his manager has announced.

The 65-year-old, from Canvey, has chosen not to undergo chemotherapy.

Instead, he is to embark on a trip to Japan before completing a new CD on his return, go on a short tour of France and then play a series of farewell gigs in the UK.

A live DVD from his last UK tour is also in the pipeline.

Manager Robert Hoy said: "He is currently in good spirits, is not yet suffering any physical effects and can expect to enjoy at least another few months of reasonable health and activity."

"Wilko wishes to offer his sincere thanks for all the support he has had over his long career, from those who have worked with him to, above all, those devoted fans and admirers who have attended his live gigs, bought his recordings and generally made his life such an extraordinarily full and eventful experience."

Born in Canvey Island, Essex, as John Peter Wilkinson, he rose to fame in the 1970s with Dr Feelgood and was noted for his own guitar style and wild and wacky dress sense.

The former Westcliff High School for Boys pupil went on to work with other acts including Ian Dury and the Blockheads and also released solo material, as well as appearing in the documentary Oil City Confidential in 2009.

That documentary earned him the role of executioner Ilyn Payne in series one and two of HBO's Game of Thrones, as well as other acting roles in recent years.

He was forced to cancel a show in November 2012 after being taken to hospital.



GOOD SPIRITS: Wilko Johnson will continue to tour after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

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Dementia advice

PEOPLE worried about being affected by dementia or concerned about someone they know who may have dementia can get help.

Southend Council is running events in libraries over the next two months to raise awareness of dementia and memory problems.

The events are being run in conjunction with Public Health, SEPT, the Alzheimer's Society and Southend Carers and aim to provide residents with information about the disease. The first event will take place at Kent Elms Library, in Rayleigh Road, Leigh, from Tuesday, January 22 to Saturday, January 26.

For more, call the council's dementia project manager, Chris Harris, on 01702 534434.

Queen tribute

A TRIBUTE act to Queen will be playing at the Palace Theatre on Saturday, January 26.

The band Flash will perform a selection of Queen's songs live.

To book tickets call 01702 351135.

Appeal for dog walker

DETECTIVES are appealing for a dog walker to come forward as a potential key witness to an attempted rape in Shoeburyness.

The attack took place when a teenage girl was walking through an alleyway near Shoebury Park shortly after 5.30pm on Wednesday, October 24.

She was pushed to the ground, causing her to black out and woke to find a young man on top of her. The girl, who lives locally, managed to push her attacker off.

A dog walker then passed her and enquired about her welfare. This man is described as black, aged about 50, was wearing a black jacket and blue jeans.

He was walking a white 'Staffy'.

The dog walker is urged to contact detectives at Rayleigh's Sexual Offences Investigation Team on 101, Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or e-mail the incident room at SOIT@essex.pnn.police.uk

◆ A 15-year-old boy was arrested on Friday, December 14 on suspicion of attempted rape and later released on police bail until Monday, February 25 pending further enquiries.

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Work to commence to replace railway bridge

By Paul Giles

A £2MILLION revamp of the railway bridge in Southend High Street will take place at the start of next month.

The scheme, which includes improved lighting to the public highway and new track, will mean the current bridge is replaced with a new design claimed to last for at least the next 120 years.

Major work will be carried out over the weekend of February 2-3.

It will mean that buses will replace trains between Southend Central and Shoeburyness in both directions.

C2C is operating more than 200 rail-replacement bus services, with a service every 15 minutes on Saturday and a half-hourly service at other times. The train services between Southend Central and the rest of the c2c line will be unaffected.

The work will also mean pedestrians will not be able to walk under the bridge and signs will be installed directing them to diversionary routes. Stewards will be on both sides of the bridge to direct people to these routes.

Steve Knight, general manager at Network Rail, said: "The work being carried out at Southend High Street is essential to keep improving the railway in Essex."

He said: "The line from Fenchurch Street to Shoeburyness is the most punctual in the country and this work is essential to continue delivering consistent levels of service to passengers."

"We are combining the work on the bridge, which has come to the end of its life, with improvements to the track and new lighting in the area."

"The High Street in Southend will be open for business as usual and we are working hard with Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and the Town Centre partnership to minimise any disruption to shoppers."

"Signage will be installed in the local area to give people alternative routes so they can get from one side of the High Street to the other."

"We do appreciate this project will cause some disruption and thank the people of the area for their understanding."

Mencap manager Marc is a real marathon man

THE MANAGER of Southend Mencap will be running two marathons on consecutive weekends to raise money for the charity.

Marc McOwens said he is no stranger to running marathons, but doing two marathons so close together has meant he started his training back in September last year.

He is aiming to raise £5,000 to enable the society to continue providing their services and activities for children and adults with learning disabilities.

The 41-year-old will run the Brighton Marathon on Sunday, April 14, followed by the London Marathon on Sunday, April 21.

He said: "I have completed both London and Paris marathons in that time and have really developed a bizarre pleasure from putting myself through both the extensive training as well as the 26.2 miles themselves."

"The support showed by the community last year for our 24 hour musicathon at the end of Southend Pier was so amazing that I am hoping some of those supporters may be able to find a little donation for this



MARATHON CHALLENGE: Southend Mencap manager Marc McOwens.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

sponsorship pledge".

If you would like to pledge money to Marc and his marathons visit www.justgiving.com/southendmencap/donate

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Punctuality record

C2C has set a new record for train punctuality in the UK.

Over the past year, punctuality for c2c trains was 97.5 per cent under the Punctuality Performance Measure, the government's official mechanism for recording rail punctuality.

This is the best performance in the country, compared to a national average of 91.4 per cent, and beats c2c's existing UK record for punctuality of 97.4 per cent, which had been set in autumn 2012.

Holocaust events

EVENTS are being held across Southend in memory of all those who suffered and died in the Holocaust and other genocides.

The ceremonies begin with an event on Friday, January 25 at noon at the Jones Memorial Recreation Ground, off Eastern Avenue, Southend.

There, Mayor of Southend, Councillor Sally Carr, will plant a tree to remember those who perished in the Nazi Holocaust and more recent genocides.

On Sunday, January 27, at 3pm the special Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration will take place at Southend Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue.

Case referred to coroner

AN INVESTIGATION into a man's death will be referred to the Essex Coroner.

Detectives carried out enquiries following the death of Tony Collingwood, 40, whose body was found at his home in Kursaal Way on July 31, 2012.

A 39-year-old woman from Southend was arrested in August on suspicion of manslaughter and later released on police bail pending further enquiries.

These enquiries have now concluded and she has been released from this bail and will face no charges.

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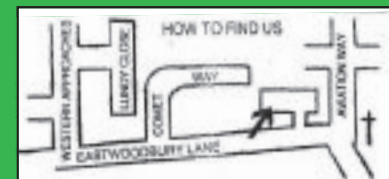
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YA reporter gains award nomination

YELLOW Advertiser reporter Charles Thomson has been nominated in the Best Newcomer category at the EDF East of England Regional Press Awards.

Charles, who joined the YA in November 2011, was nominated for three pieces of work.

In February he was sent to interview Michael Barrymore as he recorded a guest show for Gateway 97.8, but the star was uncooperative.

Instead he pulled Charles on-air and began interrogating him about his job.

The 24-year-old was nominated for salvaging the thwarted interview by turning Barrymore's antics into a first-person gonzo feature.

His second nominated story saw him single-handedly overturn a reporting restriction which prevented him from naming a local man with more than 100,000 images of child sex abuse on his computer.

Charles argued with a defence barrister in front of a judge, who agreed with him and allowed the YA to publish details of the pervert's stash.

The third article saw him report exclusively on a child abuse case, which led a judge to criticise the Jehovah's Witness church.

The case prompted Charles



GUEST SHOW: YA reporter Charles Thomson with TV star Michael Barrymore, when he appeared on Gateway 97.8.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

to explore the campaign to introduce laws forcing schools and other organisations to report child abuse to police.

The same legal loophole was catapulted to the forefront of public debate weeks later when the Jimmy Savile scandal erupted.

Charles said: "My first year

at the YA has been exciting, challenging and an incredible education."

Yellow Advertiser editor-in-chief Greg Fidgeon described Charles as a 'newshound' who pursues stories with a vigour and determination.

"This is a richly deserved nomination," he said.

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Runner racks up the miles for challenge ahead of marathon

By Paul Peterson

A RUNNER has set a tough challenge before taking part in his sixth London Marathon.

Ian Ramsay, from Lymington Avenue, in Leigh, has vowed to run 2,000 miles to raise money for Havens Hospices before running in the actual marathon on Sunday, April 21.

The 47-year-old has already managed to complete 1,200 of those miles since September after starting running 14 miles to and from work every day and 20 miles every weekend.

He said: "I've run the marathon for the last six years, but I decided it was time to up my game this year. I've had to stay extremely self-motivated and had to run through rain, wind and even snow. But when it all gets tough, I find inspiration in the children at Little Havens, the patients at Fair Havens and the awe-inspiring nurses who care for them."

Ian has already raised almost £15,000 for Havens Hospices through his marathon efforts over the last seven years despite admitting to hating running when he was a school boy.

He added: "When I turned 40 I decided to give up smoking, but I knew I would have to find a new addiction. I made that running and have been running marathons



EXTRA INCENTIVE:
Ian Ramsay.
Picture by Mark Cleveland

across the country ever since. But I think this latest 2,000 miles has to be my biggest challenge yet!"

Judy Grocott, from Havens Hospices, said: "Knowing Ian and how determined he is, I'm certain he will achieve his goal."

If you want to find out more about Ian's challenge or to sponsor him, visit his Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/Ian-Ramsay/ or follow him @Run2000miles on Twitter.

For more information about running events in aid of Havens Hospices call 01702 220350 or alternatively log onto the website at havenshospices.org.uk/events

Seaside horror

By Paul Giles

A HOST of horror films will be shown this weekend as part of the Horror-on-Sea festival.

Curated by The White Bus Company, venues will include The Park Inn Palace Hotel, on Southend seafront, and the TAP Gallery, in North Road, Westcliff.

The weekend will see a selection of more than 40 films being played and directors from all over the world attending to talk to people about film making.

Paul Cotgrove, the festival director, explained the festival had evolved from the Southend-on-Sea Film Festival he directs.

He said: "This is the first year we have done this. We found when we done the Film Festival horror films attracted more people than normal."

"So we thought we would start our own horror festival."

International filmmakers, including Italian and Canadian directors, and film crews will be attending.

Mr Cotgrove said: "This is a really good chance for people interested in making films to actually get to speak to people with experience of doing it."

"I'm hoping the buzz will be a buzz of people talking about the process of making film."

Tickets for each film cost £5 but a weekend pass can be bought for £50 giving people a saving of £40 over the weekend.

Councillor for culture and tourism, Derek Jarvis, said the Horror-on-Sea festival was part of the annual project of cultural events.

He said: "Southend is wonderful for outdoor activities, but we need to get indoor activities at this time of year."

"We are so fortunate to have the



HORROR-ON-SEA: Councillor Derek Jarvis with a film prop that will be on display over the weekend and poster for the festival. Picture by Mark Cleveland

White Bus Company and Paul with his interest with horror films has a great following.

"Hopefully the festival will bring outside visitors to the town because there is a lot going on."

"People go to the Cliffs Pavilion and stay overnight so we may see people staying in town for this event."

If you would like to find out more about the festival and its line up visit www.horror-on-sea.com

Tickets can also be booked by visiting the website or people can pay on the door of each film.

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Pub's charity event

A THREE day charity event will be held at a pub to raise money for Little Havens Hospice.

New landlords Darren and Dil Waterhouse, at The Carlton pub, in Leigh Broadway, will be hosting the event on January 25-27.

The weekend will start with a version of Burns Night which will include a traditional dinner of 'neeps and tatties'.

Guests can also make a donation for a friend to sing a song in 'Stitch up Karaoke' and if they refuse, they pay a fine.

Darren said: "I hope that we can raise a few quid for the local families that need the hospice. Helping out and having fun is a winning combination."

Surf the web

FREE Internet Taster Sessions will be held at Kent Elms Library on Friday.

The sessions are open to anyone who is a complete novice and aims to offer people the opportunity to use the Internet, search the World Wide Web or send e-mails.

Sessions run between 9.30 am and noon.

Big Book Sale

SOUTHEAST Central Library will be holding a Big Book Sale.

The event on Saturday will see a selection of ex-library books being sold to customers for 20p.

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New business to raise charity cash



BUSINESS: Penny, Finlay and Graham Hevey.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

A MARRIED couple will be donating money to charity from a new business they have setup together.

Graham and Penny Hevey have set up an online shop called Baby Bundles that sells baby and children's pre-owned clothes.

Graham, 52, explained that his wife had been selling clothes on Facebook for the past couple of years and he had been designing websites for people.

He said: "It seemed like a logical move really. The two seemed to fit together really well."

"So we decided to get the shop up and running with both of our skills."

Graham, who also teaches construction at South Essex College, said 30 per cent of the profit made buy selling items would go to Southend-based Christian charity The Vineyard.

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DISCUSSES:

Sciatica



Sciatica "Si-at-ika" is a group of symptoms involving pain in the buttock and back of the leg, only usually on one side of the body. In addition to pain there may be any combination of pins & needles, numbness, tingling and muscle weakness in the affected leg or foot.

The true meaning of Sciatica is often misunderstood. The term is merely a group of symptoms and not a diagnosis. This means that if you have been told you have Sciatica, you still have not been given a diagnosis, as the diagnosis is being told what is causing your Sciatica symptoms. Having a correct diagnosis is important because the treatment options for the different causes are very different.

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■ **Spinal Stenosis:** This is where the hole for your spinal nerve to exit from the spinal canal closes up and puts pressure on the affected nerve, causing Sciatica.

■ **Piriformis Syndrome:** The piriformis is a muscle in your buttock. The Sciatic nerve passes very closely to this muscle and in rare cases passes through the muscle. When this muscle gets tight it can irritate the Sciatic nerve, which can cause Sciatica.

As a Chiropractor, many people come to me with sciatica. Narrowing the symptoms down to a diagnosis involves a thorough case history, an orthopaedic examination to find out where the symptoms are coming from, a neurological examination to find out if and how the nerves are affected and a Chiropractic examination to find out how your spine is functioning. If necessary, an X-Ray will also be taken of the affected area.

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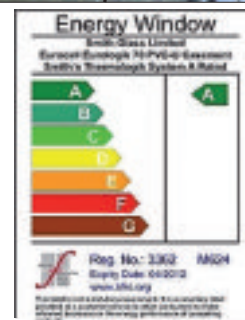


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GALLERY OPEN:
TAP gallery in North Road is now open.

Art gallery reopens

AN ART gallery is celebrating reopening after it was shut down for eight months following a suspected arson attack.

TAP Gallery, in North Road, Westcliff, closed its doors on Sunday, May 13, 2012, after a transit van outside was set alight and the fire spread to the gallery, destroying an exhibition of work by an artist who had died the year before.

The gallery re-opened last

Saturday with a new exhibition featuring work by artists who use studios based in the gallery and staff who work there.

Amy McKenny, who set up the gallery with Emma Emmerton in 2008, said building owners Essex and Suffolk Water had taken the roof off and replaced it.

She said: "The renovations have revealed a high pitch roof in the main gallery.

"We now want to focus on moving forward and delivering a series of quality exhibitions in the future.

"It feels amazing to have people back in the studios of the gallery and we are very happy to be open again."

TAP gallery also houses The White Bus Company, the organisation responsible for this weekend's Horror-on-Sea event.

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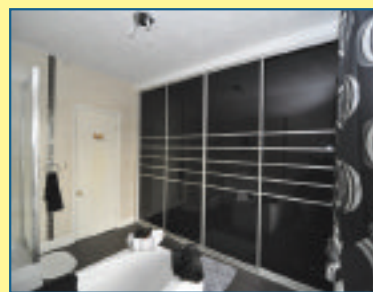
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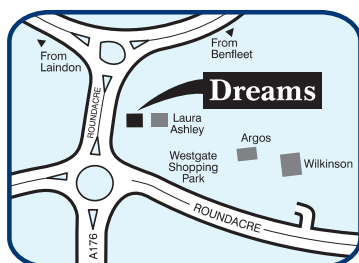


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Council jobs to be axed and services cut

EIGHTY jobs are to go at Southend Council as officials attempt to deal with more funding cuts.

Southend Council said it will cut services and increase council taxes by almost two per cent – rejecting the Government's call to freeze it for a third year in a row.

The tax rise is worth 38p-a-week for residents in Band D properties.

Service cuts of £6.5m will be introduced as follows:

■ Adult & Community Services - £1.822m

■ Children & Learning - £1.781m

■ Enterprise, Tourism and the Environment - £1.345m

■ Support Services - £794,000 and

■ Corporate - £845,000

A total of 80 posts have been identified as being at risk, of which 41 are currently vacant. The council has said employees in the affected areas and the trade unions have been 'fully briefed'.

Leader Nigel Holdcroft said: "We are now into the third year of the austerity measures and these financial

decisions are becoming harder and harder to make.

"Over the past two years we have delivered a raft of economies and made targeted efficiency savings to ensure we can balance our books.

"But the economic situation has worsened across Europe and Government is telling us that it is going to take the country longer than had previously been thought to put things back on an even keel.

"We no longer have any leeway and we have to make

real cuts to services - and that involves making some very hard choices.

"Some of the savings we are proposing won't be popular with residents but I would ask them to bear in mind that this crisis was not of our making.

"We have decided to increase Council Tax by 1.75 per cent which we believe is reasonable and will enable us to protect at least some services and jobs from cuts.

Details of service cuts and redundancies will be debated later this month.

Art to brighten up development sites

DEVELOPMENT sites in Southend could soon become brighter with the addition of artists' works on the hoardings.

At a cabinet meeting on Tuesday, January 8, councillors passed a scheme that will utilise the hoardings for artwork adding colour to the town.

Artists will have to approach their ward councillors to get approval to put up the pieces of work around the hoardings of development sites.

Councillor for culture, Derek Jarvis, said he was happy the plans had been agreed.

He said: "I know other towns have done this and it has improved the streets near development sites.

"I know there is a good deal of interest from people to get involved in this."

Colette Bailey, managing director of METAL art group, said the scheme was a good idea.

She said: "Hoardings offer a fantastic opportunity to artists as a lung as it is a curated and properly executed project.

"They can turn something from unattractive to something really nice for the community."

The scheme does not cost the council any money and a donation fee by the site developer of £170 has been suggested.

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SCRIPT: James Wareham gets ready for the Southend Playwriting Festival.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

Playwriting Festival set to be held at Palace Theatre

By Paul Giles

A FESTIVAL of home grown playwriting talent will take place next week at the Palace Theatre.

The Southend Playwriting Festival will see a variety of events taking place in the theatre including titles such as "Something in Common", "Baby Blues", "Star Passing" and "Who's Sorry Now" being performed over the three night event.

The festival has been curated by Emily Malcolm, community and education officer at Southend Theatres, alongside the Palace Theatre Writer's Group and Full Circle Theatre Company.

There will also be pre-performance readings in the Foyer of the theatre before each show.

There will be readings from the Palace Theatre Writers' Group on Tuesday, January 22. The following night will see

an open mic session to give people who have written a piece to read it in public.

Finally on Thursday, January 24, there will be readings from special guests Sundown Arts.

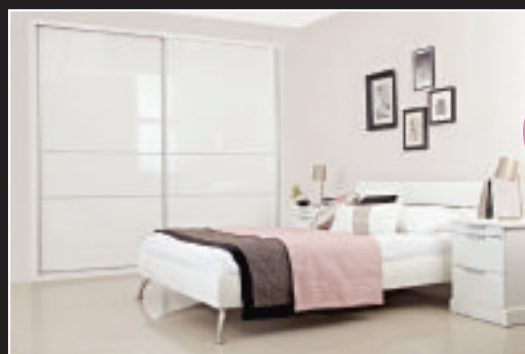
Foyer events will run from 6.30pm to 7.30pm and all shows in the Dixon Studio will start at 7.45pm.

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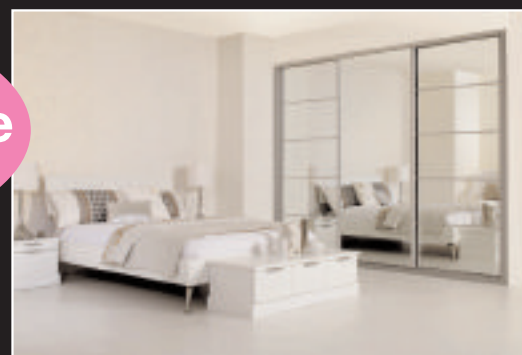
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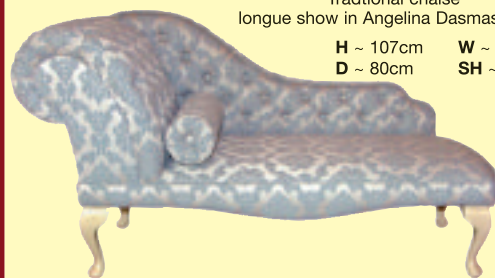
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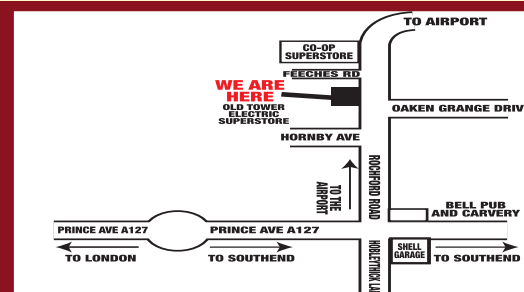
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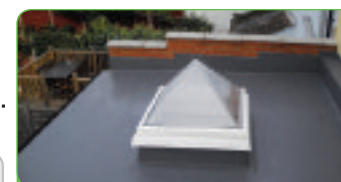
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County Councillor Jeremy

Lucas, cabinet member for customer services, environment and culture said: "There is something about the printed book which will never be fully replaced by digital alternatives, and books today are sold in their millions."

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Opinion and readers' letters

Residents should pay less for parking

IF SOUTHEND Council were to make Christmas crackers these would no doubt contain the following riddle. Question: When is residents' parking not residents' parking? Answer: When it is operated by Southend Council. Puzzled by this riddle? I will explain.

Last year, after public consultation, residents in part of Westbourne Grove and other roads close to Southend Hospital were provided with residents' parking. Now, the Council plans to change this and make our part of Westbourne Grove into shared residents' and Pay & Display parking. I appreciate hospital visitors need to be able to park somewhere and nobody has the right to park outside their own home, but this imposed downgrading to the agreed residents' parking is in principle, wrong.

The Council should be fair and reduce the current cost of the permit charge to residents to compensate for the reduced number of parking spaces that are likely to be available for residents in the future.

Mike Royston,
Westcliff

Why must animals suffer to entertain humans?

WHY is it that whenever animals are used for the entertainment of us humans there is always the potential risk of exploitation and suffering?

The latest victims have occurred during the making of the film, *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*, (a film we wanted to see but would not now under any circumstance).

It has been reported, and verified, that up to 27 'performing' animals were killed during the making of this film, largely because of their chosen place of supposed safekeeping. The farm on which they were kept, near Wellington, was filled with horrendous "death-traps" such as underground wells and, despite knowing the possible dangers, it was decided that 150 animals would be housed there for the movie.

The first to die unnecessarily was Rainbow, a miniature pony being used as a hobbit horse who was found alive one morning but with a broken back and had to be euthanised. The film later claimed the further lives of four horses, six goats, six sheep and chickens that were not housed at night

and were allowed to roam.

Unfortunately, *The Hobbit* is not an isolated case as animals have been allowed to be exploited and abused in countless numbers of movies. Whilst the human stars of these epic films reap the rewards it is shameful that nothing is ever mentioned about the numbers of animal casualties, many of which suffer and lose their lives in the guise of entertaining us, the general public.

Name and address supplied

A (never ending?) Greek tragedy

OVER the past two to three years, various would-be experts have been mulling over what to do about Greece, or what should the Greeks do about its insolvency. Invariably, the Greeks don't like what is going on and steadfastly refuse to adjust to the 'new' realities, because 'it's unfair', blah, blah, blah... This is a behaviour one might expect from a petulant child, not from millions of (presumably) grown-ups.

Frankly, I don't think the other EU governments should be financing the Greeks' addiction to socialist handouts and should just let them go bankrupt, so they will finally be forced to admit to themselves

they've been 'overeating' at the expense of their future.

If we stop paying attention to their wailing, they may finally start doing something about their troubles and if there should be somebody up in arms (at home, not in the streets), it should be the rest of the EU's citizens, or at the very least, the Greek children, who will end up paying for their parents' predilections.

Though the current 'plan' seems to be that everybody - except the Greeks will pay for it!

Perhaps the most visible (and the clearest) indication of the problems with Greece, is their debt-to-GDP ratio. When their 'shadow debt' at the ECB is added to the official state borrowing, it already exceeds 200 per cent.

The Irish debt percentage is about the same, but they seem to be more disciplined and their tax structure is more conducive to repayment. However, no amount of belly-aching - or pondering about what to do - will change the fact that the Greek state and its people have been acting irresponsibly (and continue to do so) - they have gorged at the trough with a complete disregard for who is going to pay for it all, or what will happen tomorrow.

The fact that the politicians of the last 60-70 years seem to be more concerned about their image than solving any real problems, is not helping either. With all this in mind, what I would like to know is - when are we, the people, finally going to get a chance to express our views about all this, and have a referendum about getting out of the inept and corrupt quagmire known as the European Union?

Could it be, that this is exactly what the yahoos running this country fear the most?

Fred Nicholson,
Westcliff

We must save wildlife crime unit

IN THE light of yet another elephant massacre in a wildlife reserve in Africa, we were extremely concerned to read that Britain's National Wildlife Crime Unit is under threat of being axed by this government. The NWCU is a national police unit that gathers intelligence on wildlife crime and provides analytical and investigative support to police services.

Worldwide, wildlife crime is increasing with appalling acts of persecution taking place, often on a highly organised basis and London is becoming a prime dumping ground for these despicable products. The ivory from elephants, the tusks from rhino, the bones from tigers and seals are used in Chinese medicines along with the bile from captive bears that spend their shortened lives crammed into coffin-like cages

and painfully milked of their bile. It is these countries, with appalling histories of human rights and animal protection that our Prime Minister so readily boasts of doing business with. It is shameful.

The budget for this vital unit was cut by 10 per cent last year and Boris Johnson was the only mayoral candidate who refused to ensure the safety of its future. It was left to the animal organisation WSPA to help fund it, which is wrong. It should be the government's responsibility. However, in October 2011 Andrew Rosindell sponsored an EDM calling for the security of its future. It is somewhat telling that out of 111 MPs who have signed, only three are Conservatives. Sadly, this is the usual Conservative stance taken when it comes to animal welfare.

There is a lot of talk from so-called antique experts about the legalities of buying ivory but the indisputable fact is that every piece of ivory comes from a dead elephant; an elephant that has been slaughtered for an ornament or a bottle of Chinese medicine.

I would ask readers who feel strongly that our Wildlife Crime Unit must not be scrapped to please sign the petition online. You will find it at <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/43978>

Thank you.

Patricia Hall,
Gidea Park

Guy Fawkes had a point

RECENTLY the true consequences being created for Britain's future identity were at last revealed in the media.

It has been admitted that indigenous white people are already a minority in London and will continue to shrink.

Other major cities are set to follow suit and eventually the country as a whole.

It is wicked how objections to the high immigration numbers have been classed as racism and stifled with the threat of criminal prosecution.

How can indigenous people be accused of racism for understandably expressing fear at what is being forced upon them in their own country?

There would have been no immigration problems if only a selected and limited number of incomers were involved.

In 12 months' time many more EU millions will qualify to enter Britain.

According to a national press investigation the impoverished dweller in the slums of Sofia in Bulgaria are the most eager to come for state sustenance, and as usual the interests of native Britons will be undefended by their own Parliament.

Guy Fawkes has a point, didn't he?

T Atkins,
Hornchurch

Nick, Nick again

SO HE'S at it again trying to nick our money. Having failed with his 'Mansion Tax' and tax Online so-called wealthier pensioners, the deputy Prime Minister now wants to stop the millionaire pensioners' free TV licence to save money, also to limit or stop their bus pass!

Who are you trying to kid Nick? There are not enough of these millionaire 75-year-old free TV licence pensioners, to make any significant difference to the debt the country has been left with.

Once again it's you and me the ordinary pensioner he is after. This Liberal Politician would strip the country's pensioners bare with his crafty indirect taxation. When it comes to election time let us not forget that this Liberal politician and his Liberal cronies would leave the pensioners stripped naked while others are given free handouts without having done anything to help promote the prosperity of this country.

George Vallance,
Wickford

Letter will still be large

YOUR correspondent Mrs Warrick's logic is at fault! Writing the address across the short width of her 11-inch long envelope will still leave it a large letter!

An ordinary letter must not exceed 240 x 165 x 5 mm (that's about 9.5 x 6.5 x 0.375 inches). If any one of those dimensions is exceeded, then it automatically becomes a large letter (or even a Packet).

By turning her envelope 90 degrees, Mrs Warrick would have a letter only three inches long, as she says, but 11 inches tall - well over the 6.5 inch width limit!

The onus is upon the sender to verify that their missive is a letter, large letter, or packet. Most greetings and invitation cards these days do actually have an envelope logo printed on the back, with 'LETTER' or 'LARGE' printed beneath, to guide the sender.

And all Post Offices have quick and easy-to-use measuring devices, so you can check before asking for your stamp.

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By the way, I have puzzled over Mrs Warrick's opening question, but still cannot grasp the supposed similarity between what she calls The Post Office (which has not existed for many years) and 'fast food places'. Is it something to do with costs?

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Public consultation over Traveller plan

PUBLIC consultations will be held around Basildon in the coming weeks about allocating sites for Gypsies and Travellers over the next 20 years.

Residents will be able to give the council feedback as it prepares its 'Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Local Needs Accommodation Assessment'.

The three events will be held in Basildon, Wickford and Billericay.

The council is also arranging a series

of meetings with local Gypsy and Traveller communities.

Councillor Richard Moore, Basildon's cabinet member for planning, said it was necessary to assess Travellers' needs 'in the same way that we have to assess the needs of other people and communities looking to live in more traditional forms of housing in the area'.

He said: "This is an important opportunity for local residents to share their views on the matter and I would urge

those interested to attend one of the consultation events in January and February."

Details of the consultations are as follows:

■ Friday, January 25. The Wick Community Centre, Silva Island Way, Wickford. 2pm-8pm.

■ Tuesday, January 29. Frypa Hall, The Fryth, Basildon. 2pm-8pm.

■ Friday, February 1. Billericay Day Centre, Chantry Lane. 2pm-8pm.

Hunt for missing man

POLICE are searching for missing Terry Holliday, aged 52, who was last seen by his family on January 5.

Mr Holliday often stays with his niece in Westcliff and she is very concerned for him, especially as he does not have his regular medication with him.

Terry is described as 5ft 10ins tall, slim build, short, thinning grey hair, wears glasses and has a silver ring on the middle finger of his right hand.

When last seen he was wearing grey jeans, a grey waterproof coat, brown shoes and a brown jumper with a pink white and blue diamond design with a white T-shirt underneath.

Armed robbery

AN ARMED robbery took place at a property in St Ann's Road, Southend.

Police said at around 6pm on Wednesday, January 9, two people were looking at a motorbike outside a property in St Ann's Road. They were approached by two men, one holding what appeared to be a handgun.

The victim was then made to ring the doorbell and when it was opened one of the suspects entered and threatened those inside with the gun demanding money. He stole a mobile phone before running off.

One suspect ran towards Milton Road and the other towards Sutton Road.

Seven people were inside the house at the time of the incident and some of them pursued the suspects briefly.

Both suspects are described as white, about 6ft tall and medium build.

Anyone with information should contact DC Brown at Southend CID on 101 or via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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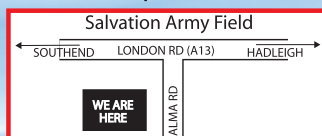
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WITH winter weather expected, ambulance bosses are advising people on how to prevent themselves from needing to call 999.

Neil Storey, director of operations for the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust (EEAST), said severe weather creates an increased demand across the NHS but, while some of that was unavoidable, taking simple measures reduced the risk of a medical emergency.

With ice and a cold snap expected he advised people to keep warm, keep well, be prepared and avoid unnecessary outings.

"While we are prepared for bad weather with tried and tested plans to manage it, inevitably it challenges emergency service resources and can affect response times if only because it is more difficult to get around," he said.

"But simple things make a big difference to people, such as keeping yourself warm at home, ensuring you have enough heating oil or meter credit if necessary, keeping medicines stocked up and making sure you have grit and salt.

"Drivers should double check their vehicle is ready for ice and snow, with the correct tyres fitted and inflated and a boot stocked with de-icer and a scraper as well as a flask, water and blankets in case of breakdown. Even with all these precautions please be extra careful on the roads to avoid skids but



ADVICE: East of England Ambulance Service wants to reduce the number of call outs during wintery weather where possible.

don't go outside – walking or driving – in severe weather unless you really need to. If you do need to take a walk wrap up warm and wear sturdy, non-slip footwear.

"People should also look out for their neighbours, particularly if they are elderly or living alone."

Neil also asked people to be aware of how the ambulance service grades patients, in a similar way to A&E departments, for different time priorities with only immediately life-threatening incidents being subject to an eight minute response.

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to a more appropriate service so crews can get to patients who really need them.

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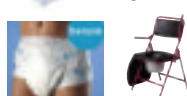


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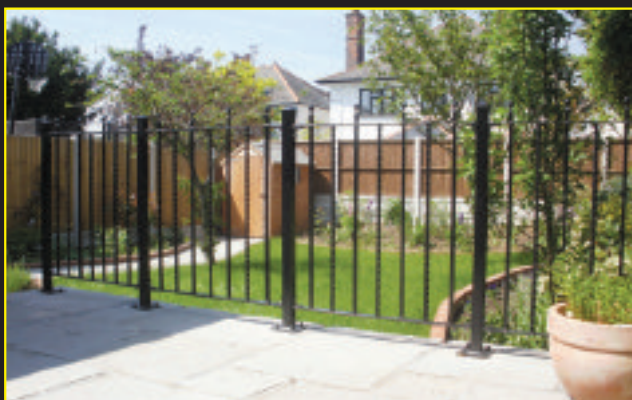
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Festive season sees drink-driving rise



BREATH: The county has seen a rise in the number of people testing positive for drink-driving compared to last year over the festive season.

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THE NUMBER of people testing positive for drink-driving over this festive period rose compared to the last.

Figures released in the last week show that 3.8 per cent of those tested were above the limit for alcohol. The figure was 2.95 per cent the previous period.

A total of 3,263 people were breathalysed during December and 126 people were found to be over the alcohol limit or refused or failed to provide a sample.

Of those found over the limit (35 micrograms of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath) 94 were men and 32

were women.

Casualty reduction manager Adam Pipe said: "This year's figures show an increase of the numbers from last year, which is obviously very disappointing."

"Throughout December we received approximately 50 reports from Crimestoppers about drink-drivers from concerned members of the public and we will take action," he added.

You can call Essex Police on 101 or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Railways set for major overhaul

RAILWAYS in Essex are to get a major overhaul in an effort to cope with booming demand.

Network Rail has announced £2.2bn investment in the east of England – a spend that it described as the biggest investment in infrastructure since the Victorian era.

The company said the number of passengers on the Great Eastern main line heading to Liverpool Street was expected to increase by 49 per cent by 2031, from 16,500 to 24,600.

Dave Ward, Network Rail route managing director for the south east, said: "The railway is busier than it ever has been and passenger numbers continue to grow every year. As our railway gets busier the challenges get bigger and more complex. We have entered an era

of trade-offs. Increasingly we have to balance the need to build more infrastructure, run trains on time and cut costs, and in many areas choices will need to be made."

The main schemes benefiting the east of England are:

◆ Crossrail and the Great Eastern main line, with upgrades to 13 stations on the Great Eastern main line between Shenfield and central London.

◆ The upgrade of outdated overhead power lines between London Liverpool Street and Chelmsford is set to be completed by May 2017, providing a more reliable service for passengers.

◆ The next step is to renew overhead line equipment on the branch line to Southend, which also dates back to the 1950s.

◆ A new rail operating centre (ROC) will open in Romford in 2014, which will eventually control the entire railway in the Anglia region, covering parts of London, Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire.

◆ Third party proposed stations (subject to approval) at Beaulieu Park, Chelmsford, Lea Bridge station and Beam Park, near Rainham.

◆ Network Rail would like to electrify the line between Gospel Oak and Barking, enabling freight trains from Tilbury and the new London Gateway Port (set to open in late 2013) to avoid the Great Eastern main line between Forest Gate Junction and Stratford.

Essex County Council welcomed the announcement, but said more

was needed as passengers on the Great Eastern mainline is expected to increase by up to 49 per cent by 2031.

Derrick Louis, Essex County Councillor for Highways and Transportation said: "We have long argued the importance of the rail route in this region and the need for investment and welcome Network Rail's additional investment to support economic growth and the increasing population in the County."

"While the proposed £2.2bn investment set out by Network Rail will cater for growth in the coming years, we believe that further investment will be needed for new railway infrastructure in the long-term, and we will continue to press for this."

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The restaurant's owner, Tony, who has been in the catering business

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Tandoori Parlour, at 61-63 Hart Road, has helped raise thousands of pounds over the years for a range of charities including Barnardo's, the British Red Cross and Essex Air Ambulance.

Its Charity Nights give up to 50 per cent of profits to fundraisers for the charity of their choice.

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The big-hearted restaurant also looks after its diners by offering them a free VIP card. The card, which can be used every day except Saturday evenings and throughout the year except Christmas, saves you pounds on it's a la carte and buffet menus.

The card offers 'two for one' deals on starters and main courses from its a la carte menu from Sunday to Friday, and £3 off per person at its buffet evenings from Monday to Friday.

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Tandoori Parlour, which is the largest Indian restaurant in Essex and one of the first Indian restaurants to win the Tiffin Cup in 2005, is regularly featured in the Good Curry Guide.

The restaurant, which has the capacity for 450 people, is the ideal venue for a range of occasions including Valentine's Day for which anyone interested is urged to call for further information.

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Its Sunday Family Buffet lunch is also great value-for-money at just £7.95 per person, with children under the age of 10 eating for free.

A full a la carte menu is also available at the restaurant alongside its buffets.

Tandoori Parlour, which is fully air conditioned and licensed, with full disabled facilities, and a free large car park opposite, also has a



takeaway service.

The restaurant is open from noon to 2.30pm and 5.30pm to midnight from Monday to Saturday (last admission 10.30pm), and from noon to midnight (last admission 10.30pm) on Sunday.

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■ Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties, run by 'Breathe Easy' part of the British Lung Foundation, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, Tuesdays 12.45-2.30pm. 01702 610050/466827.

■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group meets every Tuesday and Friday, Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, wide range of activities and outings, Tuesdays 9.30am-2pm and Fridays 10am-2.30pm.

■ Singles Social Group, meets The Meadow Lark, Artillery Avenue, Shoebury (just past Asda roundabout), age group 50-65, every Tuesday 8pm. 07752 613021.

■ Singles Friendship Club for 50 plus, South Benfleet Social Club, every Tuesday 8.15pm, Maureen 01268 692998.

■ New and Nearly New Stall, outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, facing the gardens (if wet in church foyer), every Tuesday 10am-noon.

■ Table Top Sale, Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, every Tuesday 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.

■ Carpet Bowls, Eastwood Community Centre, top of Morrison's car park, every Tuesday 1.45-3.45pm, (and every Thursday 3.30-5.30pm), no experience necessary, non competitive, £2 per session including tea, joining fee £5, first session free.

■ Bingo and Hov, Wick Community Centre, Wickford, every Tuesday 1.30-4pm, further details John Clarke 01268 570575.

■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap), Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, Tuesdays 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25 plus, £2 per session, membership details 01702 341250.

■ Tuesday Luncheon Club, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, 01702 478691/525141/340617.

■ Depression: Self Help Group, every Tuesday 8-9.30pm, and Thursdays 12.30-

2pm, we are a very successful and caring group, Michael 01268 527283.

■ Little Lunchers Activity Club, St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, every Tuesday 11.45am-1.15pm.

■ Vange Tots, The Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, every Tuesday 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.

■ Shoebury Flagship, Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, every Tuesday 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team offering activities, advice and support for parents with babies and children aged up to 5 years. 01702 577656.

Wednesday, January 23

■ Painting Demonstration, Rayleigh Art Group, Cedars Centre, Castle Road, Rayleigh, 'Seascape using Collage and Mixed Media' by Ken Kempley, 7.30pm, new members and guests welcome £3 per head, including tea and biscuits.

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■ Meeting, Al Anon, International Support Group for families, wives, husbands, friends of alcoholics and other addicts, 1 Sutton Road, All Saints Church (Cicage), Southchurch, Southend, Wednesdays 7.30pm, all welcome (non-denominational).

■ Pulse Drum Club, St David's Church Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, every Wednesday 3.45pm - 4.45pm, £3 per session. 01702 540111.

■ Activity sessions, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, (term time only), for children with special needs aged 5-18, free admission, siblings welcome, 01268 779100.

■ Palace Writers Group, every Wednesday 7.30pm, alternating venues with the Palace and Cliffs Pavilion, open mic events and public readings planned, further details Emily 01702 390472.

■ Meeting, Roche Art Group, St Teresa's Church Hall, located behind the Church, 109 Ashington Road, Rochford, Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm, visitors welcome, further details Gill 01702 421737.

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■ Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group, Buttercup Club, Leigh Community Centre, Elm Road, Leigh, 9.30am and 11am, Wednesdays and Thursdays. 01702 712150.

Thursday, January 24

■ Health Walk, Hockley Woods, 10.45am, car parking in Hockley Woods Car Park, every Thursday, further details 01702 318121.

■ Jazz, Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz with Alex Field (guitar), Rayleigh Lodge Thai Restaurant, The Chase, Rayleigh, 7.30pm, 01268 742149.

■ Buddies Over 50 Singles Club, Anchor Pub, Benfleet, 8.30pm every Thursday, meet new friends, varied social activities, further details Jill 01268 753667.

■ Meeting, Westcliff National Spiritualist Church, Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, every service we have mediums that demonstrate clairvoyance, Thursdays 7.30pm and Sundays 6.30pm.

■ Coffee, Cake and Chat, WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, ladies and gentlemen, join us every Thursday 2pm, further details Di 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.

■ Stalls in Outpatients Department, next to post box, Southend Hospital, books, bric-a-brac, hand knits etc, every Thursday 8.30am-3.30pm, all proceeds to Bosom Pals Appeal.

■ Why not try Carpet Bowls, The Salvation Army Hall, Elm Road, Leigh, Thursdays 2-4pm, first 3 weeks free, details 01702 553546.

■ Short Mat Bowls, Willows Park, James Hornsby School, Leinster Road, Laindon, every Thursday 7.30pm, first 3 weeks free, details 01277 625027.

■ Clairvoyance, Shoebury Spiritual Centre, The Sandpiper Community Centre, Sandpiper Close, Shoebury, Thursdays 8-10pm, free healing, admission 3. 01702 476087.

■ Healing, The Cedars, Castle Road, Rayleigh, fully trained healers by Essex Healers Association, Thursdays 10-11.30am, all welcome.

■ Meeting, Billericay Baby Cafe, Community Church, Queens Park, Billericay, for Breastfeeding mums, Thursdays (term time), 12.30pm.

Friday, January 25

■ Meeting, Basildon French Circle, Room

2, Basildon Centre, talk in French on Paris in Impressionist art, 8pm. 01268 756347.

■ Meeting, Leigh Floral Group, St Saviours Church Hall, Kings Road, Westcliff, demonstrator Linda Kingcott 'Dancing with Flowers', 7.30pm, £5 entry, enquiries Jan 01702 522100.

■ Scottish Country Dancing, St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Westcliff, 7.30pm, free for first two evenings.

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■ Clairvoyance, Hockley Old Fire Station, Southend Road, Hockley, (next to Spa Pub), visiting mediums, Fridays 7.30-9.30pm.

■ Southend Chess Club, Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, The Old School House, Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, Fridays 7.30pm, new members welcome, beginners or experienced players. 01702 345902.

■ Chess, Cedar Centre, Castle Road, Rayleigh, Fridays, 7.30pm onwards, all ages and abilities welcome, details Derek Stockings 01268 772923.

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Southend On Sea £220,000

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- ➔ Detached Bungalow
- ➔ Double glazing
- ➔ Gas central heating
- ➔ Two/ three bedrooms
- ➔ Spacious living accommodation
- ➔ Bathroom with separate wc
- ➔ Established rear garden
- ➔ Detached garage
- ➔ Off street parking
- ➔ Scope for extensions

Southend On Sea £365,000



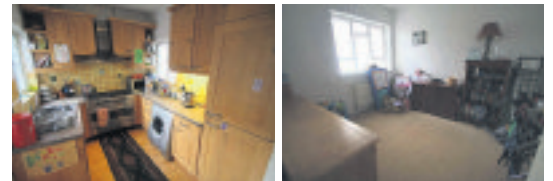
Situated in a sought after position in the heart of the Cliff town Conservation Area with superb South facing views over looking Cliff Gardens and Thames Estuary. The property offers spacious living accommodation and offers 2/3 bedrooms and has the advantage of own off street parking and attractive rear gardens.

Westcliff On Sea £124,950



Attractive ground floor apartment situated within a sought after location, South of the London Road within walking distance of Hamlet Court Road and Westcliff mainline railway station. The property offers spacious living accommodation including large double bedroom and bathroom/wc with separate shower cubicle. The property also benefits from own rear garden and whole of the front garden. 199 year lease from 1981.

Southend On Sea £449,500



Three storied Victorian town house being situated within the sought after Cliff town Conservation Area, close to town centre and Cliff gardens. The property includes a self contained lower ground floor apartment which could also be used to provide a further bedroom/ living accommodation. West backing garden with detached double width garage approached via rear vehicular access.

Great Wakering £149,950



End of terrace family house being situated within a popular location and offering no onward chain. The property benefits from a front lounge with a rear kitchen/diner. There is also a ground floor study and bathroom/wc. The upstairs has three bedrooms and there is a goods size South backing rear garden and off street parking to the front for approximately three vehicles.

Southend On Sea £450 pcm



First floor flat situated within central Southend, lounge, double bedroom, fitted kitchen with integrated electric oven and hob, bathroom /wc, economy 7 night storage heaters, double glazing, recently redecorated.

Westcliff On Sea £675 pcm



Attractive and spacious ground floor apartment being situated within close proximity of Westcliff station and having Estuary glimpses. The property offers three good size bedrooms and has a spacious lounge/diner with a South facing aspect. There is a modern fitted kitchen and a bathroom with an electric shower over, separate wc. The property is fully double glazed and there is gas central heating, communal parking to the rear.

Westcliff On Sea £675 pcm



End of terrace house, spacious entrance hall, ground floor bathroom/wc with independent shower over bath, ground floor double second bedroom, first floor landing, attractive lounge/diner, fitted kitchen with integrated four ring gas hob with oven and grill under, extractor fan, further master bedroom being double with en-suite cloakroom/wc, full double glazing, gas central heating, integral garage with up and over door. No rear garden.

Leigh On Sea £700 pcm



Sorrell letting department are pleased to offer this two bedroom ground floor apartment offering spacious accommodation throughout and being situated on the Leigh/ Hadleigh borders. The property has a large lounge/diner with a door leading to a pleasant outdoor seating area.

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HADLEIGH £229,995

- * Sought after cul-de-sac on "Westwood" estate
- * Larger than average semi detached bungalow
- * Large lounge
- * Modern kitchen
- * Three bedrooms
- * Upgraded bathroom
- * Garage & long driveway
- * Double glazed
- * Central heating
- * No upward chain



SOLE
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HADLEIGH £250,000

- * Recently constructed three bedroom semi detached house
- * Ground floor cloakroom
- * Modern fitted kitchen with integrated appliances
- * Conservatory
- * Modern 4pc bathroom suite
- * Double glazed throughout
- * Approx. 7 years NHBC certificate remaining
- * Within close proximity to schools, town centre & Nature Reserve



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HADLEIGH £130,000

- * Recently constructed by Messrs. McCarthy & Stone, Purpose built second floor apartment, One Bedroom, *17' Lounge, Kitchen with some integrated appliances, Modern Shower room, 24 hour carline/resident warden
- * Communal resident Lounge, Kitchen, Laundry Room, Communal Garden, Vacant Possession



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HADLEIGH £599,995

- * Stunning Detached House Built in 1860
- * Set In One Acre Grounds
- * Private Long Driveway
- * Backs Directly onto Farm Fields
- * Provides Complete Seclusion
- * Double Garage
- * Beautiful Setting
- * Un-overlooked to all aspects
- * Versatile Accommodation
- * King John School Catchment



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THUNDERSLEY £229,995

- * Deceptively Spacious 4/5 Bedroom Semi Detached Chalet, Quiet Location Close to Thundersley Common & Village
- * Ample Off Street Parking, Detached Garage, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Lounge & Separate Dining Room
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HADLEIGH £209,995

- * Recently refurbished semi detached bungalow
- * Popular residential turning
- * Two double bedrooms
- * Brand new 3pce tiled bathroom
- * Luxury refitted kitchen with integrated hob, oven & hood

- * Large lounge/diner with feature bay with inset patio doors
- * 50' South facing garden
- * Car port/garage with off street parking for two vehicles
- * UPVC double glazing with matching fascias & soffits
- * Freshly decorated inside & out, Vacant possession



NEW LISTING
SOLE AGENTS



THUNDERSLEY £319,995

- * Substantial four bedroom detached family house
- * Possible Multiple Units Redevelopment Site (Subject to receiving Planning Permissions)
- * Large Lounge & Separate dining room
- * Further sitting room

- * 28' conservatory
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- * Large balcony
- * Approx. 110' frontage
- * King John school catchment



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THORPE BAY £219,995

- * Marine apartment, Two double bedrooms, Lounge, Fitted kitchen, Security entry phone system
- * Panoramic views over the Thames Estuary from lounge & bedroom, Allocated under cover parking with remote control



SOLE
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THUNDERSLEY £299,995

- * charming character detached house, elevated position close to shops, schools and bus routes
- * 4 bedrooms, Fully tiled bathroom & guest shower room, large lounge/diner, separate dining room/sitting room
- * country pine kitchen with utility, garden room, upvc double glazed and gas central heating, garage and off street parking



NEW LISTING
SOLE AGENTS



HADLEIGH £224,995

- * Close to Hadleigh town centre
- * Recently redecorated detached house
- * Two double bedrooms
- * Refitted kitchen/breakfast room

- * Spacious lounge/diner
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HADLEIGH £875 pcm

- * Two bedroom semi detached bungalow
- * Refurbished throughout
- * Large lounge with fireplace
- * Garage and off street parking
- * Large rear garden with shed. Avail Feb



SOUTHEND £995 pcm

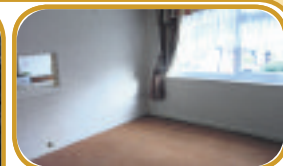
- * Refurbished three bedroomed house
- * New kitchen with oven and hob
- * New bathroom suite, shower over bath
- * Large through lounge/diner
- * Lovely south backing garden



SHOEBURYNESS £850 pcm

- * Three bedroom semi detached house
- * Lounge/diner - Fully fitted kitchen
- * Two double bedrooms, one large single
- * Rear garden - OSP for two cars
- * Available End of March

NEW
INSTRUCTION



LEIGH-ON-SEA £575 pcm

- * One Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
- * Gas Central Heating
- * Walking Distance To Mainline Rail Station
- * Fitted Kitchen With Oven
- * Parking for One Car



BENFLEET £875 pcm

- * Two bedroom semi detached bungalow
- * Fitted kitchen with oven
- * Gas central heating
- * Bathroom with large shower cubicle only
- * Paved rear garden with shed

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SOUTHEND £750 pcm

- * Three bedroom terraced house
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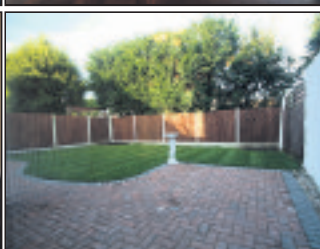
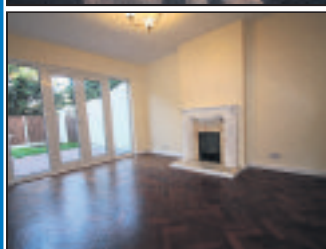
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Leigh-on-sea £489,950

An imposing detached house offering lots of original character 1.2 miles walk to LEIGH STATION, detached garage, four double bedrooms, en suite shower room to master bedroom, luxury family bathroom, elegant lounge with feature fireplace, separate tv/ family room, 18'10 x 12'5 beautiful dining room with wood floor and feature fireplace, spacious modern fitted kitchen and utility room, NO ONWARD CHAIN ref etl5061



Leigh-on-sea £299,995

A most attractive semi-detached family house situated in a convenient location within the Westleigh Schools catchment area and walking distance of Leigh Station. The property benefits from two good size reception rooms, 15'2 x 10' kitchen/ breakfast room, three bedrooms, large luxury bathroom, impressive front garden with block paved parking for 3-4 cars. Immediate vacant possession, KEYS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING . ref etl5074



Marine Estate, Leigh £445,000

Detached family house situated on the eagerly sought after Marine Estate within the Westleigh schools catchment area and walking distance of Leigh Station. The property is very spacious and beautifully presented with superb open plan lounge and dining room, luxury fitted kitchen/ breakfast room, utility room, cloaks/w.c., three bedrooms, en suite shower room, west facing garden, garage and driveway. ref etl5075



Close to Leigh Broadway and Station, Leigh £249,995

A delightful semi-detached Edwardian cottage situated just off Rectory Grove and a short walk to Leigh Broadway and mainline station. The property has lots of original character features and benefits from a West facing rear garden. Lounge and separate dining room, both with feature fireplaces, attractive character kitchen with butler sink, two bedrooms, bathroom/w.c. ref etl5046



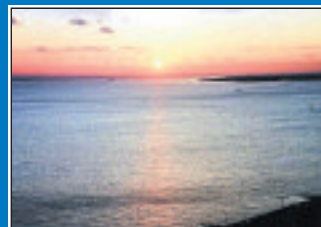
Leigh-on-sea £595,000

A most impressive 5 bedroom detached character house in a highly desirable location with a very large south westerly facing plot and a superb 47' x 160' rear garden backing directly on to woodland. 11' x 25' garage with in and out driveway, Lounge and separate dining room both with feature fireplaces, study/ tv room, 18'6 x 18' kitchen/ breakfast room, utility room, cloaks/ w.c. and shower room, 18'6 x 13' conservatory, large luxury en suite bathroom to master bedroom. No onward chain. ref etl5010



Leigh-on-sea £399,995

A fully detached house which has been beautifully refurbished in recent years and is situated in a most desirable location on the Highlands Estate within the Westleigh Schools Catchment area and walking distance of Leigh station. Three bedrooms, luxury bathroom, superb open plan kitchen and dining area, large garden, detached garage and parking for 3-4 cars. Internal viewing essential ref etl5069



Fantastic views £189,995

Spacious purpose built apartment with garage, stylish reception area with lift service to all floors, Tower court complex along Westcliff Parade, two bedrooms, luxury shower room, superb lounge with stunning views, south facing balcony with breathtaking estuary views, fitted kitchen with oven and hob also with terrific views. ref etl5063



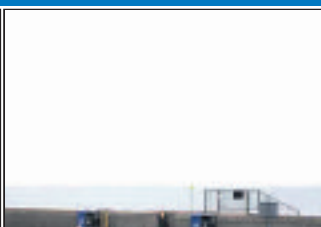
Close to beach and station £129,995

An internal inspection is absolutely essential to fully appreciate the size of this very large ground floor purpose built flat situated in a very convenient location close to Westcliff Station, the beach and local shops. Hamlet Court Road's excellent facilities are also close by.



Close to Broadway, Leigh £385,000

A fully detached family home in sought after South A.13 location walking distance of Leigh Broadway and Station, delightful west facing garden, detached garage, charming lounge and separate dining room, conservatory, fitted kitchen, cloaks/w.c., three double bedrooms, bathroom with spa bath and separate w.c. etl5064



Southend/ Thorpe Bay seafront flat £180,000 oieo

A two bedroom purpose built flat situated at the seafront on the borders of Southend and Thorpe Bay with a garage and south facing balcony enjoying an estuary view. 22'8 x 11'8 lounge with patio doors to private balcony, fitted kitchen, bathroom/w.c., en suite washroom/w.c. to master bedroom, double glazing. IMMEDIATE VACANT POSSESSION - KEYS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING ref etl5021

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Prittlewell £165,000

Requiring some updating is this two double bedroom semi detached bungalow set in the popular Manners Way Estate - benefiting from double glazing, conservatory and off street parking. No onward chain. Ref: ETS4698.

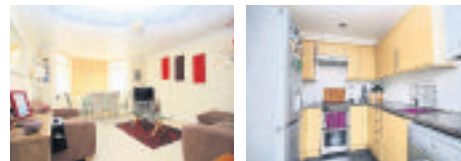
New Price



Southend-on-Sea £78,000

Situated in this popular residential area is this one bedroom ground floor flat convenient for local amenities. The accommodation benefits from double bedroom, gas central heating and direct access to own south backing rear garden. 73 year lease. Ref: ETS4409.

New Price



Westcliff-on-Sea OIEO £145,000

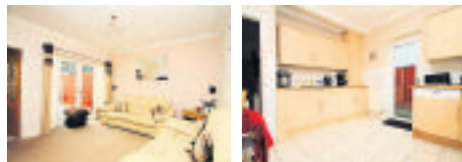
Delightful two bedroom first floor flat situated within close proximity to Westcliff mainline station and Esplanade, benefiting from modern kitchen, south facing balcony, double glazing, gas central heating and off street parking. Ref: ETS4581

New Price



Southend-on-Sea OIEO £205,000

Delightful three bedroom detached character house ideally situated for Southend town centre, Liverpool Street and Fenchurch Street mainline stations. Internal viewing recommended. No onward chain. Ref: ETS4654

Viewing
Recommended

Southend-On-Sea £200,000

Set on the Manners Way Estate, is this beautifully presented two bedroom semi detached bungalow, benefiting from lounge with French doors onto garden, kitchen with solid wood block worktops, west backing rear garden, gas central heating and off street parking for up to three vehicles. Ref: ETS4689.

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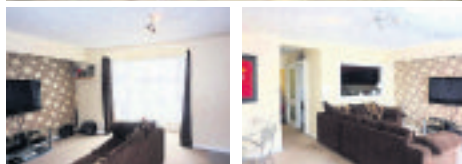
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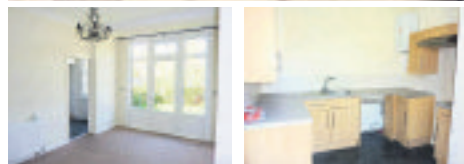
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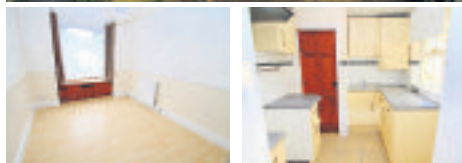
SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £550 PCM

Beautifully presented one bedroom ground floor flat situated conveniently for major supermarket, schools and Southend University Hospital, offering spacious lounge/diner, bathroom, cloakroom, double glazing & gas central heating, own section of rear garden. Unfurnished. Ref: R1759.



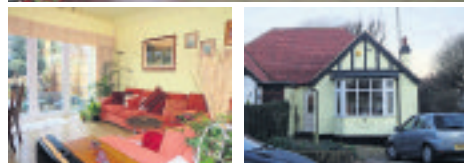
WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £615 PCM

Spacious two bedroom ground floor flat convenient for Hamlet Court Road shops and local bus routes. The accommodation benefits from fitted kitchen, lounge leading to own section of garden, gas central heating and mostly double glazed windows. Unfurnished. Ref: R703.



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £795 PCM

Charming three bedroom terraced house 'Albion Villas' accessed via private road between 39-41 Southchurch Avenue. The much improved property offers a lounge/ diner, well appointed kitchen and bathroom, double glazing and gas central heating. Unfurnished. Ref: R1775



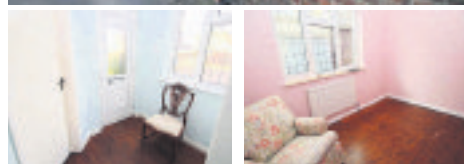
WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £895 PCM

Beautifully presented is this two double bedroom semi detached bungalow ideally located for Southend Hospital and high schools, offering spacious open plan kitchen/ living room, modern fitted kitchen, laminate flooring, double glazed windows and good size garden. Ref: R1779.



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £875 PCM

Beautifully refurbished three bedroom room family semi-detached house on popular Manners Way Estate, convenient for local schools, bus routes and Southend Airport station. Unfurnished. Ref: R1235



SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £915 PCM

Spacious three double bedroom detached bungalow overlooking Priory Park to the front with off street parking. The property benefits from spacious lounge/ diner, modern kitchen and bathroom, double glazing, gas central heating, garden and garage. Unfurnished. Ref: R1647.

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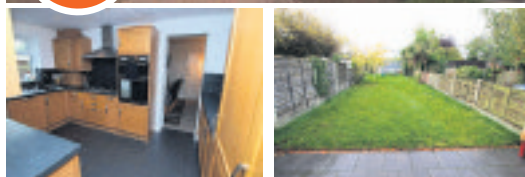
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Attractive two bedroom semi detached Carter & Ward built bungalow \ Located within a most sought after position \ Close to Rayleigh town centre \ The property is available with no onward chain \ Benefits from double glazed conservatory overlooking a landscaped rear garden \ Lounge with bay window \ Kitchen \ Two good size bedrooms \ Three piece white bathroom suite \ Attractive rear garden \ Block paved driveway providing off street parking \ Keys held \ Must be viewed \ Call 01268 742742

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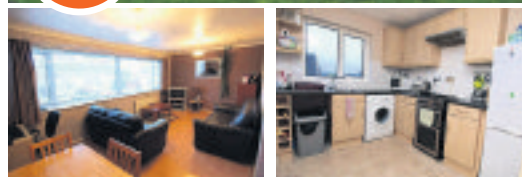
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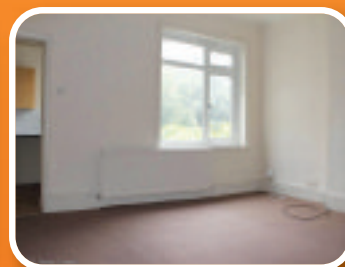
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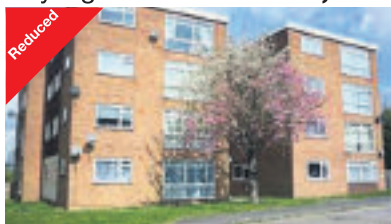
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Q. What is happening with Energy Performance Certificates?

A. You may well ask! It was only last April that a "new" version of the EPC, and new rules governing their use, were introduced – once again, amidst huge confusion in the industry (and more or less complete indifference among the house-buying public).

The main practical change back then was the requirement for agents to attach the entire front page of the report – the bit which carries all the energy ratings and graphs, energy-saving advice and, most concerning of all, the full address of the property in question – to all their written particulars (thereby, of course, adding significantly to the number of trees felled for papermaking – not to mention the energy expended in printing the extra page).

At the same time, agents were made legally responsible for EPCs, and threatened with fines if the new rules governing their production and use were broken (even though the Government, as usual, neglected to explain clearly in advance what those rules were), while the ability of agents to download the afore-mentioned front pages proved to be severely hampered by major glitches in the system!

Cue even more conflicting advice and mass confusion, with some agents simply giving up altogether on trying to attach the elusive front page of the EPC, while others – concerned for the security of older and vulnerable homeowners – effectively broke the law by unilaterally removing the full address.

Now, scroll forward to last November, when rumours first started to circulate of further proposed changes to the rules, requiring EPC ratings to be displayed on all property advertising, including brochures, newspapers and websites.

These changes apply from last week – 9th January, to be precise. Henceforth, the EPC rating – and only the rating, not the whole of the front page – must be displayed.

Property professionals have broadly welcomed this belated triumph of common sense. Not so those with a vested interest in keeping the energy conservation pot boiling, who have accused the Government of betraying their green principles by depriving the house-buying public of all this allegedly valuable information – even though there is precious little evidence to suggest that buyers care very much at all!

So, there we are. Is this the end of the saga? Somehow, I doubt it. This one, as they say, should run and run...



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Drivetime

By Jonathan Crouch

VAUXHALL is hoping to increase its presence in the compact estate sector with the latest Astra Sports Tourer.

MPVs and 4x4s might offer more interesting options for family buyers but the solid, practical virtues of a good estate are not to be underestimated.

Vauxhall's Astra Sports Tourer is little more than an extended Astra hatch but it could be all the car you need, especially in recently revised form.

Many of the leading lights in the family hatchback sector have an estate version. Focus, Golf, Megane - the

manufacturers of all these models see the value of tagging another few centimetres onto the rear of the five-door hatches to give customers the option of extra carrying capacity. Vauxhall has a history of following suit with its Astra but like its rivals, sales of Astra estates have traditionally been way down on those of the standard hatchback versions. The compact estate market looks likely to remain a niche one but with flashy Sports Tourer branding, this generation Astra estate could be destined to take a bigger slice of it.

This estate line-up starts with a modest 100PS petrol 1.4, beyond which there's a 1.6-litre petrol with 115PS.

Astra heads in space

For diesel drivers, the range starts with a 95PS 1.3-litre CDTi ecoFLEX model, but most customers choose the 1.7-litre CDTi unit, offered with either 110 or 130PS. Beyond that, there's a 165PS 2.0 CDTi powerplant or, at the top of the range, a 195PS BiTurbo 2.0 CDTi.

Like the rest of the Astra Sports Tourer, bar the bit behind the rear wheels, the suspension is shared with the Astra hatchback. Traditionally, the Astra has had a simple torsen beam suspension at the rear end while rivals like the Focus and Golf used more advanced fully-independent set-ups. Today's Astra, however, uses a Watt's linkage rear suspension that helps distribute cornering forces more effectively than a conventional torsion beam while retaining the cost and space saving advantages.

The improved Astra Sport Tourer we're looking at here get a smarter front grille, with a repositioned logo-bar in the upper section and a re-styled lower section too. Neater

front indicator lamps and a fresh design of fog lamp complete the front-end revisions. The rear has also been refreshed, with sleeker rear-panel styling complemented by a chrome lower moulding.

The wheelbase of this estate variant is identical to that of the Astra hatch, so the extra capacity that this model gains inside is all the product of an extension to the rear overhang. The maximum load length rises by 28mm compared with the five-door car to 1835mm and the 500-litre volume is a 30-litre improvement. So the Sports Tourer Astra gives you extra space - but we sort of knew it would. What are the other benefits?

The boot has flat sides making it easy to slide bulky items in and higher specification versions of the Sports Tourer are fitted with the FlexFold seating system. This allows both sections of the 60:40 split rear bench to be folded down at the touch of a button inside the boot. It means that you don't have to traipse around to the back

doors to fold the seats before loading. With all of the rear seats folded down, the Sports Tourer gains a flat load floor and a total capacity of 1,550 litres. There's a further 25-litres of space in cubbyholes and pockets dotted around the cabin, if you can find them.

Buyers get the usual wide range of engine options and trim levels, not to mention a bulging options list. Standard equipment on all Astras includes ESP, six airbags, air conditioning, LED daytime running lights and electric windows.

Amongst the available options, there's ambient mood lighting that lights up areas of the cabin with bulbs hidden in the trim, ergonomic sports seats and adaptive front lights which adapt to the weather and road ahead.

The Astra Sport Tourer 1.3 CDTi ecoFLEX features various mechanical and aerodynamic modifications to help it deliver the best fuel economy figures in the range at 68.9mpg on the combined

cycle. Fuel economy for the 1.7-litre diesel models isn't much worse at close to 63mpg and the 2.0-litre diesel registers in at 60.1mpg on the combined cycle, so there isn't a whole lot to split the diesel models on cost once the upfront price is taken care of. Go for the petrols and you're looking at 48.7mpg for the basic 1.4-litre unit and 44.1mpg from the 1.6.

With all the other options facing family car buyers in the modern marketplace, the estate car is sometimes overlooked. Admittedly, it's not the most exciting option next to the plethora of tough-looking compact 4x4s and MPVs with their elaborate seating arrangements but it is reassuringly simple in what it offers and surprisingly practical too. Vauxhall's improved Astra Sports Tourer seems to fit the bill very nicely. It's just an Astra hatchback with an extended rear and a few other practical features but that's precisely what some buyers will want.



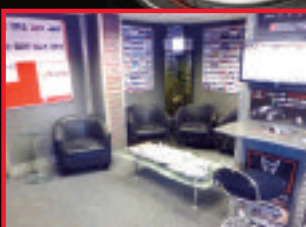
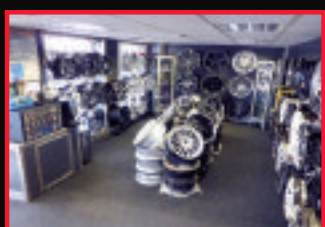
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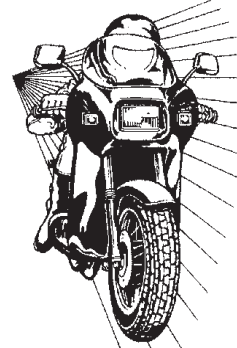
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New urban chic ADAM revealed at Tony Levoi

VAUXHALL dealer, Tony Levoi in Essex, is delighted to announce that the pricing and full specification details for the must-see new ADAM, Vauxhall's first-ever urban-chic city car, have been revealed.

Following its official debut at the Paris Motor Show, the ADAM is available to order from the dealer, with branches in Grays and Romford, now and prices range from £11,255 to £14,295.

The three-door, four-seater model is keenly positioned to take the fashion-led A-sector by storm; with more than a million specification and trim combinations, the new urban-chic model is all about personalisation.

Customers at Tony Levoi will have a choice of three trims – JAM (fashionable/colourful), GLAM (elegant/sophisticated) and SLAM (racy/sporty) – as well as 20 different wheel designs, over a dozen interior shades and 12 different body colours, some of which are unique to ADAM.

ADAM also comes with clever, forward-thinking premium technology. The new IntelliLink on-board infotainment system which integrates the owner's smart phone (Android and iOS) with the car, making internet-based applications available on the facia mounted touch screen.

Simon Dayes, sales director at Tony Levoi, said: "ADAM is yet another example of not just a new Vauxhall, but one that takes us into a new market sector and we're confident that it will be a huge hit with motorists in the area."

"We're delighted that customers can place their order for this stylish, bespoke model at a mainstream price and really showcase their personality. We can't wait to help our customers get customising!"

On the outside, ADAM bucks the trend for retro-based design offering a fresh, bold, striking



look and is the first car in the fashion-led A-sector to have LED daytime running lights.

ADAM is initially offered with three petrol engines (1.2-litre 70PS, 1.4-litre 87PS and 1.4-litre 100PS), all of which are available with Start/Stop technology.

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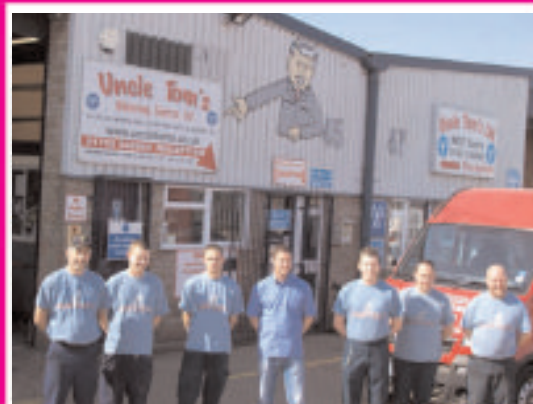
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Southend United

Third league defeat in a row for Blues

SOUTHEND United suffered their third consecutive defeat in League Two as they went down 3-0 at fellow promotion chasers Exeter City on Saturday.

Following their successful exploits in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at Oxford United midweek, the Blues headed down to the south west to play the Grecians who had not won at home since November 6.

Goals from John O'Flynn, which sandwiched Scot Bennett's header, gave Exeter's fans plenty to cheer and made it a long trip home for Blues boss Paul Sturrock.

He said: "We are very disappointed. I thought we had a lot of opportunities in the box and we didn't get on the end of them. We lost a bad goal two minutes before half-time and if we had scored first it might have been a completely different game.

"The second half was a weary-looking team trying to chase the game and it has cost us dear."

The first half saw early chances for O'Flynn, while Gavin Tomlin's shot for Blues was deflected wide.

Marc Laird had to come off before the half hour through injury and was replaced by David Martin, and minutes later, Blues thought they had taken the lead.

Kevan Hurst's cross was met by Barry Corr, whose downward header bounced off the bar and cleared by Bennett. Blues thought the ball had crossed the line, but the officials were unmoved.

It was crucial as Exeter took the lead on 42 minutes when O'Flynn was played in on the right of the penalty area and fired past Paul Smith in the Blues goal.

Southend had chances in the second half with Tomlin's effort cleared for a corner after good build-up play, and later fired over with a left-foot shot.

As Blues probed, the Grecians grabbed their second as Bennett headed home Matt Oakley's corner.

Southend's midweek exploits looked to have taken its toll late on as Exeter went further clear as O'Flynn tapped home after good work from Jimmy Keohane.

■ The Blues were hoping to bounce back in their FA Cup third round replay at Brentford last night (Tuesday) to earn a fourth round tie with Chelsea, and will host Plymouth Argyle on Saturday in League Two, kick-off at 3pm.

School's girl football team into last eight

School sports

SHENFIELD High School's Under 13 girls football team have made the last eight of the National Cup.

The team travelled to Copleston School in Ipswich for their last 16 tie, and after a cagey start, Shenfield broke the deadlock after 15 minutes when Ellen Hoad got on the end of Amy Moreton's cross to score at the far post.

Moreton produced another great assist for Shannon Drewe to add a second as she fired in from 18 yards past the keeper.

After the break Copleston applied more pressure and went close on two occasions before Drewe got on the end of a third assist from Moreton to make it 3-0 in Shenfield's favour.

Sophie Nyiro had an influence throughout the match, adding a fourth having gone past three defenders before slotting past the keeper.

To Copleston's credit, they battled on and scored through their captain, who smashed home from 20 yards past Ashley Holland, but it was a mere consolation as the final whistle blew moments later.

Shenfield's team coach, Jamie Rigg, said: "The girls have come a long way since September. They have been a pleasure to work with and with continued hard work, we hope to progress beyond the last eight.



THROUGH TO LAST EIGHT: Shenfield School's U13 girls football team.

Swimming club appoints former national head coach

Swimming

BASILDON & Phoenix Swimming Club have appointed the former Scottish national swimming coach as their new head coach.

Doug Campbell (below right) has just finished a four-year stint north of the border in December 2012, and brings to Basildon a wealth of experience and knowledge as both an elite coach and swimmer.

Having both swum and coached at Olympic



and Commonwealth Games level, Campbell has previously had roles as British Youth Programme head coach, and has been senior member of the Great Britain coaching team for 13 major events since 1989.

He said: "I have enjoyed my time working at international level but I am now really looking forward to moving to Basildon to return to coaching poolside on a daily basis and working again developing young swimmers to achieve their full potential."

The club swim at the 50 metre Olympic size pool in the £37 million state of the art Basildon Sporting Village.

Alan Twine, vice-chairman of Basildon & Phoenix Swimming Club, said: "This is a fantastic achievement to bring a coach of this quality to the area. This is an amazing opportunity for the young people of Basildon to have the benefit of such a high standard coach who has both swum and coached at the Olympics, combined with being able to train at one of the best sporting facilities in the country."

Rugby Union

Barking's joy with first win this season

BARKING picked up their first win in National Two this season at the 17th time of asking on Saturday, beating Chinnor 36-24.

It looked to be the same story as Chinnor went 3-14 ahead after 17 minutes following Oliver Forrest's early penalty for Barking.

However, a try from Charles Baffour-Awuah followed by a brace from Stephen Hihetah put Barking 24-17 ahead, both converted by Forrest.

Chinnor levelled through Adrian Hales' try, converted by Will Millett, but Barking refused to lie down as Hihetah claimed his hat-trick, and James Fouracre went over the line with five minutes to go, converted by Forrest, as they also picked up the bonus point.

Barking's win saw them reach seven points, ten behind Southend who lost 24-22 at Lydney in a relegation scrap.

Southend went into half-time 14-15 ahead thanks to tries from Todd Bailey, Mark Billings and a drop goal from Sam Arnott, while Andrew Frost kicked a conversion.

However, Lydney fought back in the second half as Daniel Trigg kicked a penalty, and scored a conversion on 69 minutes following Dave Bennett's try.

Andrew McClintock went over the line late on for Southend, converted by Frost, but it was too late and they find themselves six points from safety.

In National Three London & South East, West-cliff's relegation worries deepened with a 36-11 defeat at Hertford, leaving them nine points from safety. Thurrock are only six points above the drop zone after suffering another loss, this time at Old Elthamians by 28-25.

Eton Manor beat Chingford 56-0 to remain the play-off spot in London One North.

Bottom side Rochford Hundred lost 41-15 at Ruislip, while Basildon helped their relegation battle with a 12-5 victory over Romford & Gidea Park. They moved above Beaconsfield who lost 43-3 at Brentwood.

In London Three North East, South Woodham Ferrers continue to head the table, beating fellow contenders Norwich 22-16.

They are four points clear of Wanstead who won 19-17 over Sudbury, while Upminster are in touch thanks to their 40-8 win over Wisbech.

Old Brentwoods lost 13-9 at Beccles while Canvey Island beat bottom side East London to ease their relegation fears.

Chelmsford's run in the London & South East Intermediate Cup came to an end, losing 8-16 at home to Portsmouth in the third round tie.

City's Trophy run ends while Urchins hold leaders

Non League Football

CHELMSFORD City's run in the FA Trophy came to an end on Saturday as they went down 3-0 at Blue Square North's FC Halifax.

Goals from Liam Needham (12, 60) and Jason St Juste (53) settled the third round tie leaving the Clarets to now focus on their promotion push from Blue Square South.

AFC Hornchurch held leaders Salisbury City to a 2-2 draw at the Hornchurch Stadium.

An own goal from Michael Spencer sent Urchins behind, but Martin Tuohy (81) brought them back into the match through the penalty spot.

Jamie White (83) restored Salisbury's lead but Tuohy earned a point for the Urchins in stoppage time, again with a penalty.

Billerica Town had Charlie Taylor sent off after just 25 minutes at bottom side Truro City,

but Jay May (5, 48, 68, 75) scored all of his side's goals, with Martin Watts (55) and Kiefer Moore (79) scoring for the hosts.

In Ryman League Premier, Canvey Island moved up to fourth, above near neighbours Concord Rangers.

With Concord's match at Hampton & Richmond called off, the Gulls saw off Thurrock 2-0 with Bradley Woods-Garner (20, 74) on target.

East Thurrock United moved into the top half of the table with a 2-1 win at Bury Town.

After a goalless first half, John Sands (51) broke the deadlock to put Bury ahead, but Liam Burgess levelled seven minutes later and Kye Ruel (71) scored the winner.

Maldon & Tiptree's run of ten consecutive wins came to an end in Ryman North, after being held to a goalless draw at home by Waltham Abbey.

The leaders still maintain a 13-point lead at the top ahead of near neighbours Heybridge Swifts, who also played out a goalless draw at Witham Town.

Swifts have a better goal difference than third place Grays Athletic, who moved to level on points following their 1-0 victory at Needham Market.

Jeff Hammond's 20th minute header proved enough while Jack West later missed a penalty.

Fourth place Aveley won 5-1 over Chatham Town at Mill Field.

The Millers were 2-0 up inside the first 10 minutes thanks to Matt Newman's own goal and a Junior Dadson shot. Lee Hales soon pulled a goal back for Chatham but Dadson (75) extended Aveley's lead and Jordan Cox made sure with a late double.

At the bottom, Ilford suffered a 4-0 defeat at promotion chasers Thamesmead Town. Danny

Francis scored a double, Emiel Aiken made it 3-0 and Jamie Forshaw scored late on.

Ilford remain a point behind Redbridge and Ware. The former lost 1-0 at Harlow Town with Mitchell Das scoring against his former club.

Romford did their near rivals a favour by beating Ware 4-1. Boro were 3-0 clear at half-time with goals from Nick Reynolds, who scored twice, and Matt Toms.

Charlie Moxom (70) gave Ware hope but Jack Barry restored Romford's three-goal advantage.

The relegation scrap looks to be between these three as there is a 14-point gap between them and 19th place.

Brentwood Town have many games in hand over their rivals, but lost ground in the play-off battle with a 1-0 defeat at Waltham Forest. Arian Retkoceri scored the winner five minutes from time.

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